

Remarks:

In the Office Action mailed on October 11, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 1. Claim 1 has now been amended and new claims 2-10 have been added.

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Claim 1 is rejected as being anticipated by Mine, US Patent Publication Number 2002/0006786, hereinafter Mine. Applicants traverse the rejection.

Anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) requires that each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP 2131, citing, Verdegaal Bros. v Union Oil Co. of California, 2 USPQ2d 1051,1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." MPEP 2131, citing, Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Mine does not meet that test.

Applicants have invented a novel and non-obvious device that, for example, allows a user to browse a smart card content from a PC without removing the card from the handset (Specification, Page 4, lines 7-9). In many mobile telephones, notably those that operate according to the GSM standard, a smart card (SIM card) is inserted into the telephone handset (see e.g. Figures 2 and 3). The SIM card may contain application programs, e.g., a WEB server (Specification, page 7, lines 17-18) or other applications and data (Specification, Page 4, lines 10-11). This allows a user to take advantage of the better input and output devices usually available on a PC as compared to a handset. To affect a solution to allow access to that application and data from an external PC, the handset provides a relaying function.

Mine on the other hand does not disclose a method of accessing data or applications stored on a smart card inserted into a handset. Mine relates to a digital information input system for obtaining various digital pieces of information by using a portable information terminal device, such as a cellular phone, to make an inputting procedure easier for obtaining the digital pieces of information (see page.1, paragraph [0002]). For example, Mine observes that “although information of various forms could be obtained instantly through the Internet, an inputting procedure of the URL could sometimes be laborious for the user” (Mine, [0006]). Long URLs are more troublesome. And devices such as cellular phones, the number of keys is small and there is a lack of alphabetical keys. These issues aggravate the problem of accessing locations having difficult or complex URLs. Mine, [0007].

Mine alleviates these problems of accessing information on the Internet. For example, Mine teaches that “the electronic information terminal device reads and sends the code information to the server and then, in correspondence with the code information, the code information is converted into digital information and returned to the electronic information terminal device” (Mine, [0010]). In one embodiment, Mine teaches an infrared reader for entering the code information. Mine, [0011].

Thus, Mine is focused not on obtaining information stored in the electronic information terminal but the electronic information terminal obtaining information from the Internet. At best, this is the opposite of the problem solved by the present invention. It should be noted that when the applicants discuss a WEB server on the portable device, e.g., on a SIM card, it is an application executing on the portable device to enable ease of access through a WEB browser on the attached PC. That is very different from

Mine's accessing information on distant servers from codes entered on the electronic information terminal.

Mine does not even discuss SIM cards in the context of the invention described therein. Therefore, Mine would not need a relaying function as that provided for in the present invention.

From the foregoing it is evident that Mine does not teach or suggest the claimed invention of "An electronic system, said system including a first device for delivering a service using an application lodged in a portable object, said first device comprising: a portable object reader for receiving said portable object, said portable object incorporating at least one application and said first device including resources for activating said portable object application, said first device comprising relay means arranged for performing a communication between said portable object reader and a second device external to said first device and connected thereto so that said second device activates at least one application of said portable object independently of said resources" (Claim 1).

For example, Mine does not teach or suggest "a first device for delivering a service using an application lodged in a portable object." That is not surprising since Mine does not discuss a portable object being part of the electronic information terminal of Mine. The Mine disclosure fails to teach or suggest "a portable object reader for receiving said portable object". Again that is not surprising since Mine does not discuss portable objects being part of the electronic information terminal of Mine. Because the Mine system does not teach or suggest placement of a portable object in the electronic information terminal, Mine would have no need for "relay means arranged for performing a communication between said portable object reader and a second device". And with the absence of such a relay, there could not possibly be that the relay could provide "communication ... so that said second device activates at least one application of said portable object". Thus, not only does

Mine fail to teach or suggest one element of Claim 1, Mine fails to teach or suggest virtually every element of Claim 1.

The newly added claims depend from Claim 1, inherit the limitations thereof, recite further unique and non-obvious combinations, and are patentable over Mine for all the reasons given in support of Claim 1 and by virtue of such further combinations.

Applicants thank the Examiner for bringing U.S. Patent No. 7,088,709 (Brieskorn) to Applicants attention. However, Brieskorn also is deemed to not effect the patentability of the claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all of the claims now in the application are allowable. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application and claims and its early allowance. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of the application would be facilitated by a telephonic interview, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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